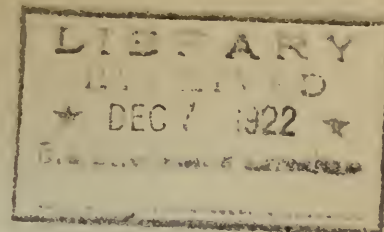


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IMPERIAL FRUIT SHOW OPENS AT LONDON OCT. 27

Show Divided Into Two Sections, The Foreign and The British Empire Section - Foreign Exporters Also Permitted to Compete.

The Imperial Fruit Show, 1922, is to be held at the Crystal Palace, London, between October 27 and November 4, according to a report recently published by the Canadian Department of Trade and Commerce. The show as usual will be divided into two sections, The Foreign Section and The British Empire Section.

The apple classes in the Foreign Section at the show will be the same as last year, viz: (1) Wealthy; (2) Snow; (3) McIntosh; (4) King; (5) Golden Russet; (6) Spy; (7) Blenheim; (8) Jonathan; (13) Stark; (14) any other variety. Prizes in each class are to be gold, silver and bronze medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. In addition to the Apple Classes, two classes, calling for 6 half-boxes of pears and 6 boxes of grapes of any variety, are open for Canadian competition. Prizes in each of these classes will be gold, silver and bronze medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. The grape package will be the South African box with excelsior packing, 16 inches by 11 1/2 inches, by 6 inches. The entrance fee in each class is \$2.25.

The British Empire Section is to consist of the same two apple classes as last year, viz: Class 1, 20 boxes of apples of any Dessert Variety; and Class 2, 20 boxes of apples of any Cooking Variety. Prizes in each of these classes are to be as follows: 1st, Gold Medal and \$243 Cash; 2nd, Silver Medal and \$121; 3rd, Bronze Medal and \$48. In addition there

are to be Classes 3 to 6, inclusive, for oranges, which will be entered by South Africa, and Classes 7 and 8, calling for 6 "shallows" (of approximately 8 lb.) of any white variety, and 6 "shallows" (of approximately 8 lb.) of any black variety of grapes. The term "shallows" will be explicitly defined in the printed regulations. For each of these two classes, first prizes of gold, second prizes of silver, and third prizes of bronze medals are offered. The entrance fee for each class is \$4.50.

The Foreign Section is open to growers or associations of growers and to exporters. The concession as to exporters is important. It was secured after much opposition in order to give foreign exporters shipping to the British market the opportunity of taking advantage of the advertising involved in prize-winning in this section. A strong effort was made to secure the same concession for the British Empire section. The English growers, however, were united against admitting the competition of exporters, although it was made clear to them that such exporters would not be in any stronger position as competitors than the larger associations.

The British Empire Section is open to bona-fide commercial fruit-growers or associations of such growers in any part of the British Empire, provided that all the fruit exhibited by the Association has been grown by its members. The words "associations of such growers" have been used advisedly to signify that entry is not limited to regularly organized associations, but that any group of two or more growers may combine for the purposes of the exhibition.

All packages must be lined with plain white paper. All layers must be wrapped, and the judging of pack will take place before the papers are removed. Diagonal packs only shall be used. The riff-raff pack will not be allowed. No packing material other than wrapping and lining papers and single sheets of protective paper at top, bottom and sides of the box may be used. (NOTE---A written assurance has been received that the term "protective paper" will be interpreted to include thick or corrugated paper, at the option of the shippers.) It was found last year that the regulation requiring the word "Top" to be stenciled on the top of the box, led to piling on the bulge in transit. This requirement has therefore been done away with.

After delivery to the Show Authorities, exhibits shall not be touched by the competitor or any one acting in his interests. Any exhibit that does not comply in all particulars with the regulations will be disqualified. The above regulations will render impossible unsatisfactory conditions that prevailed last year. Exhibits must be delivered at the Exhibition Buildings, Crystal Palace, not later than October 23, 1922.

Further details pertaining to the show will be published as soon as entry forms and application blanks are received from the American Agricultural Commissioner in London.

The score-cards are to be as follows:

APPLES.

Packing---

Attractiveness and style	5
Bulge	5
Height at ends	5
Alignment	5
Solidity or compactness	5
Neatness in wrapping	5

Fruit---

Best commercial size	10
Color, finish, skin, quality ..	20
Uniformity of color and size ..	20
Condition, freedom from bruise or blemish	15
Flavor quality	5
	100

Flavor Quality will only be judged in the "any variety classes",
in classes of a single variety it will be given full points.

PEARS.

Packing---

Attractiveness and style	5
Height at ends	5
Bulge	5
Alignment	5
Solidity or compactness	5
	25

Fruit---

Best commercial size	10
Firmness, skin quality, uniformity of size, shape and color	25
Freedom from bruise and blemish	15
